

**Certificate of Need Task Force Meeting
November 30, 2005
Meeting Minutes**

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT

Norm Charney, Acting Chair
Representative Barbara Bailey
Representative Eileen Cody
Dorothy Graham
Steve Hill
Denise Hopkins
Kathy Marshall
Palmer Pollock
Mary Selecky represented by Brian Peyton
Jon Smiley
Robby Stern
Senator Pat Thibaudeau
Janet Varon
Carolyn Watts
Rick Woods

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Alex Deccio

STAFF ATTENDEES

Nancy Fisher, MD
Gary Fugere
Regina Gallwas
Linda Glaeser
Pat Manley
Bev Skinner

INTERESTED PUBLIC ATTENDEES

Bill Alkive
Robin Appelford
Gary Bennet
Jackie Dur
Cynthia Forland
Jerry Kapfman
Gail McGaffick
Rob Menaul
Scott Plack
Tom Piper
David Weber

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Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda review • Minutes Review • Announcements 	<p>Norm Charney, Acting Chair, welcomed the Task Force members. Linda Glaeser carried out the roll call and a quorum was present. HCA staff and interested public parties and phone participants introduced themselves.</p> <p>There were no changes to the agenda.</p> <p>Minutes were approved as presented</p> <p>Linda Glaeser reviewed the CON notebook inserts and handouts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CON website is being updated. It will contain the updated Taskforce and TAC meeting schedules • Linda Glaser noted the March 1 teleconference meeting was omitted from the schedule. • There may be the need for an additional teleconference meeting in October. 	
Values Survey	<p>Gary Fugere described the Group Value Survey. Data will be used to create scatter diagrams to assist future Task Force meeting discussion. The Group Value Tool analysis will allow the Task Force to have a sense of who the group is. Awareness of the results could be used to ensure a comprehensive discussion. Task force members completed the survey. Results will be reported back to the members at the next meeting.</p> <p>The TAC completed the survey at their November 17th meeting</p>	<p>Send survey to task force members on the phone.</p>
Chair Election	<p>The members elected Cindy Watts as the permanent Task Force Chair.</p>	

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TAC Representatives	Palmer Pollock and Jon Smiley were introduced. They were selected by the TAC as the provider representatives to the task force.	Send biography to task force members and add to notebook
Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and Context, TAC discussion related to purpose and goal of CON - RCW 70.38.015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Policy ○ Definitions/Clarification ○ Accountability Subsequent questions/assignments to TAC	<p>Nancy Fisher facilitated the discussion.</p> <p>The TAC, in reviewing the present WA State purpose and goals for CON identified seven (7) key concerns that could be grouped in to three recommendation areas and are other questions that need to be answered:</p> <p>Policy: There needs to be an overarching policy; how to centralize and coordinate the process; and agreement on development, oversight and coordination across state agencies.</p> <p>There needs to be an overarching policy setting and planning framework in order to have a CON process. Jon Smiley gave background on current CON and clarified the TAC recommendation. Does roadmap need to be developed? What is wanted for a CON? Do we need and for what purpose. Give the TAC other potential goals that Task Force would like the CON process to address and their impact. At January meeting need to make decision on scope and over arching criteria.</p> <p>Need to establish goals before determining policy.</p> <p>Definitions/Clarifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tertiary services needs to be examined and defined. • Examine reimbursement system to create incentives/rewards made within the state system and connect to CON. Cindy Watts gave overview of the 1999 JALARC CON report. Concern expressed about consumer needs. There needs to be choice in the market place. Need to protect integrity of heath care system, preserve quality. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can CON even-out the inequities caused by the reimbursement process? Can CON serve this purpose? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literature indicates CON has had no impact. 	<p>Send handout to task force members on phone.</p> <p>Overview of CON processes and other models is located in the Mercer Report on web site and in Task Force notebook.</p> <p>www.hca.wa.gov/conf/index.shtml</p> <p>Timeline of CON changes is in the notebook.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can it help with the lack of public health care. <p>Accountability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should there be a mechanism to measure commitment to charity care ○ In examining the scope of CON how can we insure the extent providing care to the indigent by current exempt facilities. <p>Recommendation: Review the current Certificate Of Need compared to other state CON programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System; • goals and purpose; • examine what has been removed, added and why in Washington. <p>Bring Task Force recommendations based upon this review.</p>	
Public Comment (limit - 3 minutes each person)	Jerry Coffin- there is another point of view. Need for a positive sum game, it is about creating value. Recommended reading: Harvard Business Review article “Redefining Competition in Health Care,” June 2004, Copyrighted	Harvard Business Review www.hbr.org
Meeting Wrap-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm assignment s and schedule • Next Meeting Plus/Delta 	<p>TAC will meet on December 13, to further discuss purpose and address related general criteria.</p> <p>Next TF meet is January 3, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., will draft recommendations related to CON purpose and general criteria.</p>	